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SUBJECT: SECRETARY OF STATE SAYS NO SELL OUT, CALLS PRIVATE
ARMIES DISLOYAL AND URGES CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP IN
EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

1. SECRETARY OF STATE REES IN SPEECH AT LUNCH BELFAST ROTARY
JUNE 2 REITERATED DENIAL THAT THERE WOULD BE ANY "SELL OUT"
BY BRITISH GOVERNMENT OF NORTHERN IRELAND AND DENIED BRITISH
TROOPS WOULD BE WITHDRAWN "AS THE RESULT OF A FIT OF PIQUE."
REES SAID TALK OF PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENTS AND PRIVATE ARMIES
WAS DISLOYAL AND NOT RPT NOT TO INTEREST OF NORTHERN IRELAND
WHICH INTEGRAL PART OF UNITED KINGDOM. HE REPEATED FAMILIAR
FORMULA THAT LEVEL SECURITY ACTIVITIES AND RELEASE DETAINEES
DEPENDENT ON CONDITIONS IN PROVINCE. GENUINE AND SUSTAINED
CESSATION OF VIOLENCE, HE SAID, COULD BRING ABOUT REDUCTION
NUMBERS TROOPS AND INCREASED RELEASES DETAINEES.

2. BODY SPEECH DEVOTED TO ECONOMIC SITUATION IN PROVINCE.
REES EMPHASIZED NEW APPROACH BEING SOUGHT WITH LOCAL
NORTHERN IRELAND FINANCE CORPORATION COOPERATING WITH NATIONAL
ENTERPRISE BOARD TO HARMONIZE VARIOUS TYPES OF INDUSTRY FROM
PURE PRIVATE TO PURE STATE TO ATTRACT FURTHER INVESTMENT TO
NORTHERN IRELAND.

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3. SECSTATE REES EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL SUPPORT FOR CONTINUATION

UNITED KINGDOM, INCLUDING NORTHERN IRELAND, IN EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.
HE SAID ECONOMIC PROBLEMS DEMANDED EFFORTS OF ALL CITIZENS
UNITED KINGDOM INCLUDING NORTHERN IRELAND BUT THAT THEY NOT
RPT NOT PRODUCT OF MEMBERSHIP IN COMMUNITY. WHILE MEMBERSHIP
IN COMMUNITY NOT RPT NOT PANACEA, HE FORESAW NEGATIVE RESULTS
FROM WITHDRAWAL. ONE OF THESE WAS THAT IF UNITED KINGDOM
WITHDREW AND REPUBLIC IRELAND STAYED IN COMMUNITY, NEW
INVESTMENT WOULD BE DIVERTED FROM NORTHERN IRELAND TO REPUBLIC.

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